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Cleve Jones

Jones: AIDS Panic Hits SF

By TIM WARFORD

Sacramento's gay and lesbian medical community needs to set up a program for dealing with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) patients before panic sets in, Cleve Jones told members of the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Mental Health and Health Professionals Association November 28.

Jones, a member of the board of directors of the Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS) Foundation in San Francisco, told the group that his organization fortunately had been prepared when San Francisco's gay community went into panic two weeks ago.

The KS Foundation established a hotline to handle questions about AIDS and to refer callers to appropriate medical personnel. The hotline also makes referrals to counsellors for those who need special help.

Citing examples of the panic in The City, Jones described a case in which a gay man committed suicide after having a biopsy taken to determine if he had KS. "The tragic thing is that his tests came back negative," Jones said.

A major problems for many KS victims is coming out to their families. "It's a hell of a way to come out," Jones said, "by getting gay cancer."

KS victims are treated like lepers, he said. They become outcasts in social circles and many lose their lovers.

"Since they're not allowed to have sex anymore, we give them lots of backrubs," Jones told the group.

He suggested that the local health professionals set up a regional KS foundation to provide services, including education and lobbying for research funds.

KS, Jones said, "is the single most aggressive malignancy in the United States. It attacks faster and kills quicker than any other."

One of the points that needs to be stressed, Jones said, is that gay sex is not the cause of the disease. "Gay people are not doing anything they haven't done for thousands of years," he said. However, evidence seems to show that the disease is spread through sexual contact.

Jones said that one of the things that needs to be done is to change people's lifestyles. "We've got to stress that gay is good. Gay sex is great. Sex is important; have as much as possible, but cut down on the number of sex partners."★

MD Says US Funds Withheld, Need More Gay Money

Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has now affected nearly 700 people, according to Sandy Pomerantz, M.D. More than 85 percent of its victims are gay men. To date, 40 percent of its victims can expect to die within one year, and 80 percent within two years.

"Many questions as to the etiology (cause) of AIDS and its therapy (and, hopefully, its cure) remain," Pomerantz told The Star last week.

"One of the major reasons why so many questions remain unanswered is the lack of financing to support research. To date, the federal government has granted a total of $2.2 million to the Centers for Disease Control. The CDC has used that money to study the epidemiology (where, who, what ages, ethnic backgrounds, sexual practices, etc.) of the disease."

Pomerantz continued, "Over $10 million each was granted to support the research leading to the understanding (and cure) of both Legionnaire's disease and toxic shock syndrome. Yet the number of AIDS victims is now close to five times the number of people initially affected with those two diseases combined! Can you imagine this to be true if AIDS affected heterosexual people in equal numbers as it infects gay men?

"The time is now," Pomerantz concluded, "to support ourselves, as AIDS continues to strike nearly two new victims per day and the death toll continues to mount."

Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) is a group in New York City organized specifically to marshal support from within the gay community for AIDS research, as Pomerantz urged. On November 10, GMHC announced research grants totalling more than $30,000 to five New York City-area medical research projects aimed at combatting the devastating effects of AIDS.

"We are living in the midst of a major health emergency," said Larry Kramer, Chairman of GMHC's Medical Jury Committee in announcing the grants. "New York is the hardest hit of all cities and the AIDS epidemic is the worst medical emergency in the country since polio. As of October 21st, there were 319 cases in New York and 665 nationwide. One year ago, there were only 100 cases in New York. Forty-one percent are now dead.

"That the gay community is funding a

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Bishop Quinn Celebrates Mass Of Thanksgiving For Dignity/ Sacramento

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

The Most Rev. Francis Quinn, Bishop of Sacramento, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for Dignity/ Sacramento at St. Francis Roman Catholic Church on Saturday evening, November 27.

About 60 men and women, members of Dignity and friends, attended the Mass. The Rev. Mel Bucher, OFM, pastor of St Francis and Dignity chaplain, and another local priest concelebrated with Bishop Quinn.

After the Mass, Bishop Quinn joined the congregation in the social hall for refreshments and conversation. Spencer Fields, former secretary-treasurer of Dignity Region IX, presented the bishop with a certificate of appreciation, voted at the regional conference in Sacramento in July.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Quinn addressed the congregation. He began by saying, "It goes without saying that gay men and lesbians are part of the Church, part of the Body of Christ, just as much as anyone else is. I am saying this not because there is any doubt about it, but just in case some people have not heard it."

The bishop continued, "It seems like most of the controversies the Church gets into are concerned with sexuality—abortion, marriage, the gay issue, birth control, and so on."

The reason for this, he said, is not that the Church is trying to interfere in people's lives, but that "the Church tries to make clear moral issues for us. It tries to interpret sexuality according to the Gospel values."

According to Bishop Quinn, the Church must continue to work on a theology of sexuality. He mentioned a number of elements that he believes will always be part of the Church's teaching on sexuality: "reverence for God's creation, respect for our own bodies and those of others, absence of selfishness. Fidelity to promises, responsibilities and obligations are central to Christ-like relationships, which must also be based on regard for others and a good self-image."

He pointed out that theology is always developing, but that its essence is very simple—to help people to be not just Christian, but truly Christ-like.

"We are trying to walk with each other," Bishop Quinn told the Dignity members and friends, "as the Apostles walked with Jesus 2000 years ago."

He summed up by saying that the Church's teachings are meant as guidance for the faithful, but that ultimately each person must decide for himself or herself how best to follow Christ.

"I am rejoicing to be with you tonight," the bishop said, "just as I rejoice at the opportunity to gather with any of our family around the table of the Eucharist."

After Bishop Quinn's final blessing and the closing hymn, the congregation burst into spontaneous applause, emphasizing the emotional impact of this historic event. As many of those present commented, it was remarkable and deeply moving that the Bishop, the highest local representative of what many were raised to call "Holy Mother Church," should not only worship with, but also welcome gay people.

For gay and lesbian Catholics who grew up in an era of ecclesiastical

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An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

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Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment.* We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation. 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

OPINION

Gift Suggestions For The Holidays

When we were young, it seems, the constant refrain before Christmas was "What's on your Christmas list?" And after Christmas, the query was "What did you get?"

This attitude, which implies that Christmas is a time for gathering in the loot, seems still to pervade a lot of our thinking. We know people who already are worrying about what costly new sweaters they will buy their lovers, and couples who have already purchased their new video recorder or set of crystal wine glasses as their Christmas present to themselves.

The daily newspapers, too, are full of fat advertising sections offering "gift suggestions for the Holidays."

But in the same newspapers there are front-page stories of people without jobs, without money, living in abandoned buildings or even in crates along the river bank, forced to try to sell what few possessions they have left, such as wedding rings, and to seek out public or private assistance.

These are not people who are jobless because they choose to be, because they are welfare cheats who find it easier to feed at the public trough than to earn an honest day's wages. And among them are many of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters.

The point is not that those of us who still can afford Atari video games and Waterford crystal should feel guilty. The point is that we should be aware that people are in trouble, and we are in a position to be able to help them.

It is good to see that within Sacramento's gay community organizations are making efforts to provide help for those who need it. One of these efforts is the sixth annual Christmas show sponsored by the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club. The proceeds from this party and show on December 11 will be given to the Aquarian Effort, which provides medical and counselling services.

Another of these efforts is the Christmas Basket program of River City Metropolitan Community Church. For the tenth year, the local MCC is providing baskets containing food, clothing, and toys to members of our community who are having extreme difficulties.

Yet another effort to help those in need is being sponsored by GNIE ("The Court") at its monthly bingo night at the Mercantile on December 6. Instead of collecting $3 in cash from each player, GNIE will collect the equivalent ih canned goods for charity.

Laudable as it is for these groups to sponsor programs of assistance, the success of their efforts depends on us. The Star urges you to do all you can to support these gay-organized charities — and even to dig a bit deeper in your pockets than you might at first be inclined to.

As nice as it is to be comfortable, warm, well-fed, and amused with games and toys, it is difficult to be content or happy knowing that people are in dire need and that we have done nothing to help them. It's an old saying, but still true, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Try it. You'll find that it's very satisfying.★

Coordinators Comment On Gay Vote '82

Editor:

Now that Sacramento has the election behind them and we can confidently say the effort from the Gay & Lesbian community has had a visible impact on the sheriff's race, there are some matters that should be clarified.

First of all, as coordinators of GAY VOTE '82, we would like to personally thank all the people who put time and energy into this important political advancement for Sacramento. Also, thanks to all the bars for working as a community effort on this project. The grant made from RCBA was very much appreciated to help us continue the efforts on GAY VOTE '82. Many thanks to Chuck and Raintree Florists for the beautiful floral arrangement contributed for our registration table.

There were times when we both wondered if this project was worth the opposition we repeatedly faced. It was very disillusioning to find that the strongest and most negative oppression attempted was within our own gay community. Some of our "so-called" activists were the biggest resisters and inconveniences (there is no such thing as problems, only minor inconveniences) to what we as gay people were trying to and successfully have achieved.

It was brought to our attention in the early stages of GAY VOTE '82 that Sacramento was alienated and the laughing stock of California, especially Los Angeles. This was brought to our attention by someone who need not be named; they know who they are. This alienation was supposedly due to the fact that we are Mistresses of Dominance. It is unfortunate that people who so righteously claim to be supportive to the gay cause will be the first to attempt to cut the lifeline.

After much thought and consideration, out of respect for the community at large, we chose to refrain from wearing our leather publicly during the duration of GAY VOTE '82, as not to have a backlash on the community. Even though we took these steps, there were people who used the leather as a poor excuse not to get involved.

We hope now that the project has been successfully completed, those that were most critical, will admit that leather or any other diversityof our community has nothing to do with voter registration and community involvement. If anything, the controversy that arose from it helped to create the involvement that Sacramento so desperately needed to create the political clout we can now all be proud of.

We hope the positive exposure the Gay & Lesbian community has received in the past few months from the bar registrations, the State Fair, and shopping malls throughout the area will continue in years to come. This was the first year in the history of the California State Fair that an openly gay booth of any nature was allowed.

The help and cooperation SacPAC gave to GAY VOTE '82 was a major factor in the overall impact in this election. Personal thanks to Jim Graham, president of SacPAC.

It is time to stop blaming the "straight" community for our oppression and realize that if we were truly proud of who we are, there would be no gay shame, only gay pride.

The biggest thing we have to be proud of is a united community that can and does accomplish tasks by its own efforts.

With Love and Positive Energy,
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MISTRESS KATHY
Coordinators
GAY VOTE '82

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Gay Dollars For AIDS Research

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small portion of research is a testimony to the community's growing sense of responsibility for caring for its own."

Institutions where grants have been awarded include: St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center; The Mount Sinai Medical Center; Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Metropolitan Hospital Center. Dr. Joyce Wallace, Ginny Lehman, C.S.W. and Noreen Russell, C.S.W. were also awarded grants.

Members of GMHC's Medical Jury Committee in addition to Mr. Kramer, are Dr. Lawrence Mass, Dr. John Raftis, and Judge Richard Failla. Grants were given on the relevance of the research, the promise of providing useful information and the ability of the applicants to receive additional funding.

The all-volunteer Gay Men's Health Crisis was founded in January, 1982 to educate the general and gay community concerning AIDS and related health issues, as well as to offer patient services and raise funds for educational programs and medical research. ★

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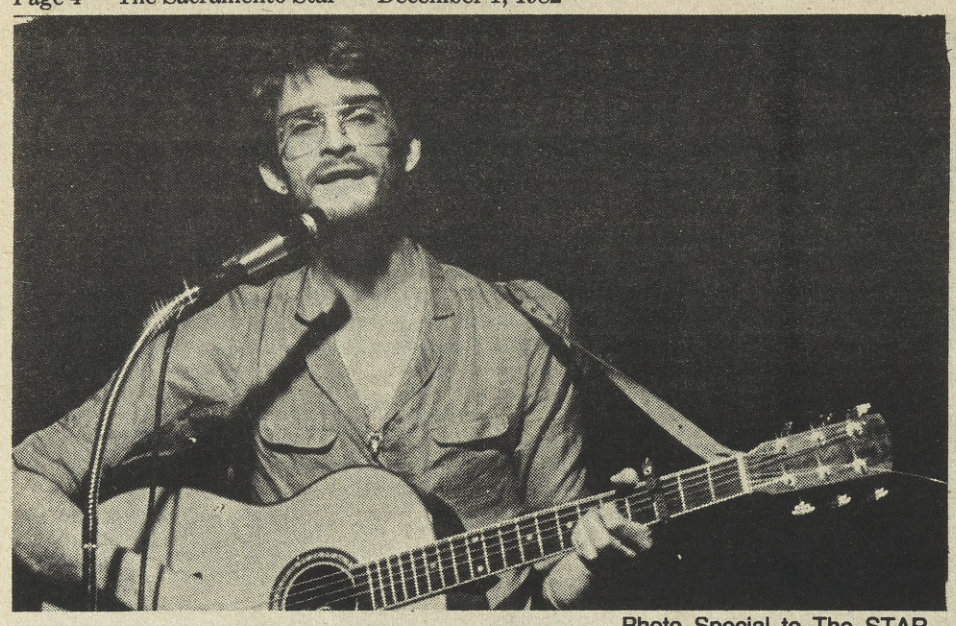

Photo Special to The STAR

Singer and guitarist Charlie Murphy performs his unique and exciting songs of changing men at La Semilla, Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. The Sacramento Men's Collective invites everyone to this "celebration of our struggles and victories."

Men's Collective Concerts Feature Charlie Murphy And Choral Majority

The Sacramento Men's Collective will sponsor two concerts in December. The first will feature singer Charlie Murphy on December 11. The second, a benefit celebrating the collective's fourth anniversary, showcases The Choral Majority on December 17. Both concerts will take place at La Semilla Cultural Center, 312 20th Street, Sacramento.

Charlie Murphy is a vibrant and innovative singer and songwriter who has performed often in Sacramento. One of the leaders in the "men's music" movement, he accompanies himself on guitar, and has written many songs *dealing with women's struggles and gay* liberation, combatting sexism, and celebrating life. He has recorded one album, "Catch The Fire," on the Good Fair Productions label.

The Sacramento Men's Collective invites men and women to "celebrate our struggles and victories with Charlie Murphy" at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 11. Admission will be $4 to $6, sliding scale, at the door.

On Friday, December 17, at 8 p.m., The Choral Majority will perform at a benefit wine and cheese reception marking the fourth anniversary of the Sacramento Men's Collective.

The Choral Majority is a bold, blaspheming quartet crusading and caroling against the new right, Reaganomics, and all things homophobic and politically incorrect. Hailing from San Francisco, they have delighted their audiences with parodies of hymns and and other religious music. They have managed to offend just about everyone at some point, and their audiences love it.

The quartet is a multi-talented lot, featuring Leslie Hassberg (soprano), Ruth Schoenbach (alto), Larry Wisch (tenor), and Tim Curbo (bass). They sing, dance, camp, preach, and tell bad jokes.

Admission to the performance by The Choral Majority will be $5, including the wine and cheese reception.

The Sacramento Men's Collective is a group of gay and non-gay men working together against sexism. For information about the collective or the concerts, call the Sacramento Men's Collective at 985-6996.★

"Scorpio Laughing" At La Semilla Dec. 4; About Men, Power, And Transformation

"Scorpio Laughing," a performance piece about men, power and transformation, will be presented at La Semilla Cultural Center, 312 20th Street, Sacramento on Saturday, December 4 at 8:30 p.m. The piece is acted by members of Drama Wing, a Nevada City-based group. It will be presented locally by the Sacramento Men's Collective.

"Scorpio is a sign of death and rebirth, which seem like what transformation is all about," says Jim Anderson, who wrote, directed and makes a brief appearance in the piece.

The four men who developed "Scorpio Laughing" bring together experience from dance, mime, acting and avant-garde performance work. The effect is at once tense and comic, and an acting tour-de-force for the ensemble. The content is relevant to both men and women.

Tickets for the Sacramento performance will be $3.

"Scorpio Laughing" is not appropriate for children. ★

MCC Opens New Space With Craft Fair

Handmade gifts created by members of our Community will be featured in a special Craft Faire on Saturday, December 11, and Saturday, December 18, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. in MCC's newly acquired Chi Rho Lambda Emporium space at the corner of 34th Street and Broadway.

"This space, formerly occupied by Marcus Auto Supply, will be developed as a center for marketing the artistry produced within our community, as well as providing goods and services **from** our community **to** our community," according to MCC pastor Freda Smith.

December's opening sales will feature Christmas gifts, candles, Nativity scenes, and ornaments. All local artists are invited to submit goods to be considered for consignment. Call 454-4762 or 456-4564. ★

Good Self Image Is Parents And Friends Topic

Dr. Mel Angel, Professor of Psychology at California State University, Sacramento, will speak and lead a discussion on "Helping Parents and Gays Develop A Positive Self-Image" at the December 7, 1982 meeting of the Sacramento Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Dr. Angel has served on a Task Force on Homosexual Concerns.

The group will meet at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael.

For more information about this support group, call Merrill Follansbee at 428-4348. ★

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Sierra Copy Owner Refutes Charge Of Anti-Gay Discrimination Made In Women's Center Letter

Ken Ebi, president of Sierra Copy, has responded to the recent charges of anti-gay discrimination made by the Rape Crisis Center and Sacramento Women's Center. The allegations were made in an "open letter to the community," printed in The Star (volume 1, number 12, November 3, 1982).

In a letter to Harvey Thompson, M.D. that was also sent to the River City Business Association, Ebi gave his version of the incidents that led to the charges. He stated that the account of the Rape Crisis Center had been routinely closed because of inactivity, and that such accounts are reopened if activity resumes. Ebi also denied that any employee was terminated because she was lesbian.

The text of Ebi's letter is as follows:

"Dear Dr. Thompson:

"Thanks for bringing the matter of alleged discrimination to my attention today;. and your confidence in this matter.

"The article makes two accusations, one regarding an organization which did business with us in previous years, and the other regarding an ex-employee of our firm. It failed to identify either. The article implied that there was some hidden motive in the closure of this inactive account.

"It is believed that the account in question was the Rape Crisis organization whose account along with others of an inactive nature were closed as a result of inactivity. Subsequently, after a number of months of closure, a small order was brought to our counter. The person, not known to our personnel, was advised that the account was closed and that she could pay for the job when picking it up. A deposit wasn't requested; which is required of regular cash customers. As you probably know, we do offer VISA or Master Card charge to our customers.

"The second accusation implied that related to this incident we fired a lesbian employee. First, the fact that an inactive account is closed isn't the end of the world; if the customer returns, we reopen the account assuming a reasonable level of activity ensues. And, secondly, there certainly wasn't any firing of an employee in any way related to the above.

"In reviewing female employees terminated over the last two years, there were two (one black and one white) during that period. The first was released over the disappearance of one hundred dollars entrusted to her during her initial training period. The other was not available to work full time when we needed a full time clerk due to increased business. We obtained a full time person, releasing the part timer with cash severence pay and letter of recommendation (copy on file). It is not known if either or both are of lesbian inclination, nor was it ever considered, since this wouldn't be job-related.

"As you know, we have a large number of clients and friends in the River City Bus. Assn., and have printed the association's roster for the past few years. We appreciate your business and confidence in Sierra Copy.

Very truly,
SIERRA COPY
KEN EBI,
President"

Lesbian Art For Sale In Show

Members of the lesbian community will be among those selling their art work at a December 4 and 5 show entitled "Handmade for the Holidays."

The show will feature original ceramics, photography, children's toys, jewelry, clocks, quilts, cutting boards, and Christmas ornaments. It will be held at the Sierra 2 Center at 2791 24th Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

The event is especially designed for those who seek an alternative to the shopping centers for their holiday gift search. Items are priced between $2 and $100.★

Court's December Events Will Benefit Hungry And Needy

Great Northwest Imperial Empire (GNIE) has announced two special events for December. The organization's monthly bingo game will be a benefit for charity, and the annual Christmas party will feature the presentation of the Community Awareness Award.

At its monthly bingo game, December 6 at the Mercantile Saloon at 8 p.m., GNIE will ask for a donation of $3 worth of canned goods in lieu of the usual $3 door charge for playing bingo. All canned goods collected will be donated by a local charity to be designated by Emperor Doug and Empress Billy.

The bingo night will also feature a chili feed served by Grand Duke Chuck and Grand Duchess Marci. Proceeds from the chili feed will go towards the purchase of toys for needy children.

GNIE's annual Christmas Party will take place at the Parking Lot on Sunday, December 19, at 7 p.m. The Grand Marquise Carol McFarland will host the event. Court members will serve hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar will be open.

To culminate the evening's events, GNIE will present its annual Community Awareness Award.

GNIE invites all members of the community to the Christmas party as a way of thanking all those who support The Court and participate in its activities throughout the year. The program will include light entertainment and a Christmas sing-along.★

Unlearning Sexism Workshop Dec. 11

"Unlearning Sexism" will be the focus of a one-day workshop presented by the Sacramento Men's Collective on Saturday, December 11. The workshop will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at La Semilla Cultural Center, 312 20th Street, Sacramento. A $2 fee will be charged.

The purpose of the workshop is to allow men to examine the important issue of sexism in a safe and supportive environment. The workshop will examine the social conditioning of sexism and how it affects men individually as men — how they are hurt by it and how they are cut off from parts of themselves. It will also deal with ways in which men can reclaim their full capacities and take pride in themselves as men.

Although the workshop is aimed at men dealing with the issue of sexism, interested women are welcome to attend.

For more information, call the Sacramento Men's Collective at 985-6996.★

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ITEMS

What To Do Dec. 11

By RICK VAN DYKE

Dates not to forget: Thursday, December 2, 8 p.m., Advocate editors **Robert McQueen and Pat Califia** speak in Anthro 108 at CSUS. Saturday, December 11, 8 p.m., **Charlie Murphy** sings at La Semilla. Also Saturday, December 11, 8 p.m., the **Valley Knights Motorcycle Club** presents **Extra-Terrestrial Christmas,** a charity benefit at Turn Verein Hall.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the secretary of River City Business Association, **Mike G.,** who went into the hospital on Monday. "I'll be out by Christmas," he said, but we hope he's back on his feet much sooner than that. Mike is a sweet man, and a seemingly tireless worker for our community.

Emperor Crackers IX and **Empress Rocky IX** of the Stanislaus Silver Sapphire Owl Court announce the investitures of the ninth **Stanislaus Owl Empire** on Saturday, December 4, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4342 Dale Road, Modesto. The doors will open at 7 p.m., with the buffet and show beginning at 7:30. Congratulations and best wishes for a most successful reign!

Rick Van Dyke

The **Eleanor McClatchy Performing Arts Center** has announced auditions for two new shows, to be held December 4-6. Two men and three women (one black) are required for **"Tintypes,"** described as a rousing, patriotic celebration of the American spirit through popular songs of the turn-of-the-century. Auditions for "Tintypes" are set for Saturday and Sunday, December 4-5, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. in the Cabaret Theatre at EMPAC, 1419 H Street. Auditions for Sam Shepard's **"True West"** will be held on Monday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., also in the Cabaret Theatre. Three men and one woman are needed. For information about either show, call 446-7501.

California's Gay Rights bill, AB1, will be reintroduced in the Legislature on January 6, according to **Cleve Jones,** administrative assistant to Assemblyman **Art Agnos.** Jones will hold a meeting in Sacramento for people interested in organizing support for AB1 on Thursday, December 9 at 7 p.m. *Call* ***Tim Warford*** *at 454-0106 for more information.*

The **McGeorge Lesbian and Gay Community** is the newest organization in town. After a very successful first meeting—over 30 people attended!—they're having their organizational meeting on Saturday, December 11, at 5 p.m. They invite all members of the McGeorge community to attend; get the details by calling 451-0120 or 457-3507.

The slide show about lesbian and gay Americans during World War II, **"Marching to a Different Drummer,"** will be shown in San Francisco on Saturday, December 11, at 8 p.m. The presentation by **Allan Berube** will be a benefit for the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project at the Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street near 18th. A donation of $4 will be asked. Sign language interpretation will be provided, as will free child care (by reservation before December 9, (415) 626-3893).

Women in Dignity, which got started about three months ago, has attracted more than 25 women to its potluck meetings for lesbian Catholics, according to **Jill Kelly.** The group usually meets on the third Sunday of each month, but in December will join in the regular Dignity Mass and meeting at 3 p.m. on the second Sunday, December 12, at St Francis Church. **Alberta Lane,** one of the organizers of Women in Dignity, says that it will be a very festive occasion, with a potluck and Christmas party after the Mass. Everyone's invited; call Dignity at 739-8353 for more information.

The **Sacramento Men's Collective** will hold a tasting of "affordable table wines" as a prelude to its December potluck dinner on Sunday the 12th. The winetasting will help raise funds for SMC, which publishes a very informative newsletter, supports a men's rap group, and sponsors a variety of events aimed at promoting non-sexist consciousness among men. The winetasting will start at 5 p.m. and the potluck starts at 6. Call SMC at 985-6996 for more information.

Dr. Sandy Pomerantz is very excited about the **AIDS Forum** he is organizing for January 8. He has lined up some of the top experts in northern California to participate in this informational, educational, day-long session about the Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome. He promises that it will not be technically or professionally oriented, but will provide the answers to questions people have about causes, transmission, treatments, effects on lifestyles, and so on. Watch for more news soon.

Our informant in the library world, **Stephen C. Klein,** has passed on a tidbit about censorship in Alaska. The Moral Majority there says "the question is not if we're going to have censorship, but who's going to do it. Is it possible our side is being censored out?" None of the 250 librarians at the Alaska Library Conference stocks the "Moral Majority Report," but the Anchorage Public Library does subscribe to "Gay Alaska."

The Sacramento chapter of **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** has just put out an informative brochure, which introduces the organization and touches on some of the issues that most concern parents and friends of lesbians and gays. If you'd like a copy of it for yourself or for your parents, call or write **Merrill and Muriel Follansbee,** 5941 Wymore Way, Sacramento 95822, 428-4348.

Three one-act plays are being presented through December 18 by the One Act Theatre Company of San Francisco at One Act II, 432 Mason Street, near Geary, in The City. The plays are "The Birthday Girl" by gay writer **Daniel Curzon,** "Hunger" by **Ronald Peet,** and "The Script Conference" by **Jeremy Larner.** Tickets are $4.50, reduced from $6.50. For information and reservations, call (415) 421-6162.★

Coming Out Well Is Theme Of December 9 Men's Workshop

Psychologist Ed Hall and counsellor Bruce Gunn are offering a workshop entitled "Coming Out Well" from 7 till 10 p.m. on Thursday, December 9. The workshop will be limited to ten men, and will cost $15 each.

When asked why he and Gunn were doing a workshop on coming out, which is usually considered an individual process, Hall told The Star that he feels that some social processes can be worked on more effectively in group situations, which are also social situations.

The workshop will cover a number of topics, including enhancing self esteem, self-disclosing in a healthful and constructive manner, accepting who you are and liking it, experiencing the exhilaration of telling the truth, respecting another's level of "outness," letting someone else have the anxiety attack, and taking care of your own hurt.

According to Hall, the group will involve men at "a wide variety of levels of outness." This will enable those who have been through certain experiences to share them with others who have not.

The workshop will be conducted in a comfortable and secure downtown setting. More information is available from Ed Hall, 484-1212, or Bruce Gunn, 443-7171.★

Bishop Quinn

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disapproval, if not outright condemnation, of their sexuality and lifestyle, such occasions as this mark a radical change in their relationship to the Church. It is, as some remarked, as though a door closing off an important part of their lives had been reopened.

As the group moved into the social hall for the reception, one man said that a recent survey had shown that people were losing faith in leaders, not only political and military, but religious as well. "But," he said, "leaders like Bishop Quinn and a lot of the bishops, with events like this and their stand on nuclear weapons, have to be restoring people's faith. They are showing themselves as true leaders and as true pastors, who care about all their people."★

New Gay Youth Group To Meet; Under-21s Invited

Asserting that "in Sacramento there is a great need for a suitable way for young gays to meet each other," two young men are forming the Sacramento Gay Youth Group.

Victor Estrada and Charles Smith, the organizers of the group, have scheduled a first meeting and potluck for Monday, December 6.

Their announcement reads, "Looking for something new? There is a gay youth group forming here in Sacramento. On Monday, December 6, we will be eating with, talking to, and making new friends. Why not bring your favorite dish and a friend?"

For more information about the group, and for the time and place of the meeting, Call Victor at 391-1362 or Charles at 739-0985.★

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Wednesday, December 1

★ The STAR is published.

★ Man Two Man. Discussion. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

★ Film "The Peruvians—Ancient & Modern." EMPAC Armchair Cruise Travel Series. $3.50. Luther Burbank High School, 3500 Florin Road. 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 2

★ Film "The Peruvians—Ancient & Modern." EMPAC Armchair Cruise Travel Series. $3. Showcase Cinema, 4th and L Streets. 1:30 p.m.

★ Advocate Editors Robert McQueen and Pat Califia, "Celebrating 15 Years of Gay Journalism." Sponsored by LAMA, LGPU, and The Star. Free. Anthropology 108, CSUS. 8 p.m.

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Friday, December 3

★ Davis Gay & Lesbian Potluck. Sponsored by UCD Gay Students Union, Lesbian Network, and Davis Gay Task Force. 7:30 p.m. Call 753-2090 for place.

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or453-0791.

★ Book signing and poetry reading by D.R. Wagner, 7-10 p.m. Also display of mini-tapestries by D.R. Wagner. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1828 Walnut Avenue.

Saturday, December 4

★ "Handmade for the Holidays" arts & crafts show. Sierra 2 Community Center. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

★ Display of mini-tapestries by D.R. Wagner. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1828 Walnut Avenue. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

★ Stanislaus Owl Empire Investiture. Knights of Columbus Hall, Modesto. 7 p.m.

★ Our River City Family Potluck. 391-1362 for information.

★ "Scorpio Laughing." $3. La Semilla, 312 20th Street. 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 5

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ "Handmade for the Holidays" arts & crafts show. Sierra 2 Community Center. 1:30-5:30 p.m.

★ Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

Monday, December 6

★ Coming Out Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Men and women welcome. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

★ Open Door Rap Group sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Social Science 205, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

★ GNIE Bingo. Donation: $3 of canned goods for charity. Mercantile Saloon. 8 p.m.

★ Sacramento Gay Youth Group. Organizational meeting/potluck. Call Victor, 391-1362, or Charles, 739-0985.

Tuesday, December 7

★ American Indian Art & Artifacts, through January 3. Opening reception, 7-10 p.m. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1828 Walnut Avenue.

★ Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Dr. Mel Angel speaks on "Helping Parents and Gays Develop a Positive Self-Image." Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi. 7 p.m.

★ GNIE. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.

★ Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.

★ Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

Wednesday, December 8

★ Deadline for The STAR.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-9669 for information.

★ Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Science 248, CSUS. 7-9 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372 for information.

★ Man Two Man social—guest speaker. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Thursday, December 9

★ AB1 support organizing meeting with Cleve Jones. 7 p.m. Call Tim at 454-0106 for place.

★ "Coming Out Well" workshop for gay men. $15. 7-10 p.m. Call Ed Hall, 484-1212, or Bruce Gunn, 443-7171, for info and reservations.

★ LGPU General Membership Meeting. 7 p.m. Call 381-8541 for location.

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Friday, December 10

★ Open Door Potluck sponsored by CSUS LGPU. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or453-0791.

Saturday, December 11

★ "Unlearning Sexism" workshop for men. Sponsored by Sacramento Men's Collective. $2. La Semilla. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 985-6996.

★ Craft Fair. Chi Rho Lambda Emporium, 34th & Broadway. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

★ SDA Kinship potluck. 455-8940 for info.

★ McGeorge Lesbian & Gay Community. Meeting/potluck. 5 p.m. Call 451-0120 or 457-3507.

★ Charlie Murphy in concert. Sponsored by Sacramento Men's Collective. $4-$6 sliding scale. La Semilla. 8 p.m.

★ "Extra-Terrestrial Christmas" benefit show. Sponsored by Valley Knights Motorcycle Club. $6 advance, $8 at door. Turn Verein Hall. 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 12

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Dignity and Women In Dignity Mass and Christmas party. St. Francis Church. 3 p.m. 739-8353 for info.

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Monday, December 13

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★ Open Door Rap Group sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Social Science 205, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

★ Our River City Family Council meeting. Call Frank, 485-7960, for information.

Tuesday, December 14

★ Advocates for Lesbian and Gay State Employees. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

★ Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

★ Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.

★ ORCF Gays Under 21 Club. Call Victor, 391-1362, for information.

Wednesday, December 15

★ The STAR is published.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective business meeting. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-9669 for information.

★ Man Two Man social—Christmas potluck & gift exchange. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755.

★ Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. ElDorado Room, University Union, CSUS. 7-9 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372 for information.

Thursday, December 16

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

★ Lesbian/Gay Freedom Celebration Committee. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.

★ **RCBA Christmas Party. (Replaces General Membership meeting.) Entertainment, raffle, & buffet. Club 21. 8 p.m. Call 422-6541 for info.**

Friday, December 17

★ The Choral Majority in concert and wine & cheese reception, celebrating the Fourth Anniversary of the Sacramento Men's Collective. $5. La Semilla. 8 p.m.

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